



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 7898**  
Norikazu SUGAYA : Attorney Docket No. 2005\_0044A  
Serial No. 10/526,742 : Group Art Unit 1746  
Filed March 7, 2005 : Examiner Zeinab E. El-Arini

METHOD FOR PRECLUDING ELUTION  
OF LEAD AND NICKEL FROM COPPER  
ALLOY PLUMBING HARDWARE, SUCH  
AS VALVES AND TUBE COUPLINGS, THE  
COPPER ALLOY PLUMBING HARDWARE,  
AND LIQUID FOR RINSING  
THE PLUMBING HARDWARE

**Mail Stop Amendment**

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
FEE FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT  
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of June 28, 2006, the time for responding thereto  
being extended for one month in accordance with a Petition for Extension of Time  
submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows: